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Waste Not, Want Not

This is the season of the year when papers in most towns and villages and even larger places are carrying notices notifying the citizens that water restrictions are necessary. This year was started with a water shortage. The spring run-off was light and facilities calculated to store water for summer were not filled as usual.

Towns and settled centres are using more water. More water is used in industry and more will be required as we become more industrialized. It is therefore most important that we use the water without waste. Fortunately when waterworks were first installed in Acton the residents of town knew that our source of supply was limited. To avoid wastefulness all services were metered. Those who wanted to waste soon found out that it was costly, while those who were frugal were not penalized. Lawn watering is not expensive but a drive about town these days reveals there is little waste here.

The search for more and more water seems a never ending one. Acton's latest source of supply is not yet in use but looking forward it will only be a short time until its capacity will be fully utilized. There have been no water restrictions in Acton this year other than the payment for use, and it is well to always keep in mind that there is no place for waste. All the water used here has to be pumped into the mains and there are no gravity fed sources which some towns once employed but which are becoming more rare.

Everybody is in Favor

Everybody is in favor of tax reductions remarks the "Rural Scene".

But tax reductions, unless accompanied by reductions in government spending, would be only a snare and a delusion.

People want taxes reduced for two reasons: (a) to put a stop to the wasteful spending of their money, and (b) in order that they may have more of their own money to spend on things they consider more important.

If the government reduces taxes, but continues to spend as before it is only building a fool's paradise for the people to live in. It is leading them to believe that they have more money to spend, when, in reality it is spending their future earnings in advance, and heaping debts on their shoulders which they will have to carry all their lives.

The belief is becoming general that when times are booming, governments should increase their spending to keep the boom going and when times are hard, governments should increase their spending to increase employment and revive the boom.

This adds up to the belief that governments should, at all times, continue to increase their spending of the people's money, and should never think of curtailing their expenditures, no matter what happens.

How long can any country continue along this path without destroying its capital and means of production?

For a Better Tomorrow

If yesterday's work was good, tomorrow's should be better. Putting it in the words of Dr. Archie F. Bull, Halton's Medical Officer of Health, "the progress of the past 10 years illuminates with optimism the prospect of the years ahead." So were the words of the man in charge of Halton County's bustling Health Unit, as he submitted his annual report on the 1957 accomplishments of the organization.

As time brings changes—and improvements to the face of so many things, so will time continue to slowly and steadily change the face of this Health Unit in the years to come. Ten years from today, should this ever-changing County of ours keep pace with progress and expand until it is ready to burst, the Health Unit will be a far cry from today. But look back 10 years to the day a number of far seeing, public spirited individuals organized the Health Unit, and one might have difficulties making

a comparison with today's busy medical health care of the county.

In 1948, Halton's population was just over 30,000, the Health Unit was staffed by eight people, and the first year's operations cost \$70,000. Today, the county boasts a population of nearly three times as many, a booming 85,000, and the 1957 budget was just over \$59,000. Today a staff of 47, a few of them part time, carry out the duties of the public health office.

Progress? Dr. Bull says the Unit is now reaping the benefits from the work which began on such a small scale 10 years ago. He points to the infant mortality rate and the maternal mortality rate which have been reduced to one-half the rate of 10 years ago. (Halton's infant death rate of 16 is one of the lowest death rates in the world).

Progress? Diphtheria has disappeared, poliomyelitis is fading into insignificance following the discovery of an effective vaccine, and tuberculosis, while it still wreaks considerable illness and disability, is no longer considered a big killer as it once was.

Progress? Sufficient influence with planning boards and councils has enabled the Health Unit to control development of new subdivisions so that homes can be properly serviced and now, no major problems in environmental sanitation are reported.

And what of the future? The director of the Unit promises his staff will continue to do "everything possible" to prevent untimely deaths from disease, and to promote health and happiness in Halton County. We think they can do it, and the pages of clinical, nursing, dental, school and sanitary service reports included in the annual report show the staff HAS been doing this for the past 10 years.

The foundation has been laid and the groundwork completed for one of the best county health service organizations you can find. Here's wishing them continued success during the next decade yes, the next century of combating medical health problems in Halton.

Wherein is the Future?

Wherein lies the future of municipal councils? Wherein lie the responsibilities of municipal councils?

The Gordon Commission report says that "in the increasingly urbanized society which is evolving, Canadians will be well advised to take fresh and constructive interest in the affairs of city hall. . . . Here, more than at any other level of government during the next twenty years new thinking will have to be done."

We would like to think this was a simple answer to what is undoubtedly a complex problem. Unfortunately this is not the case. The responsibilities of municipal councils have been gradually and continually whittled away until now there is little that can be accomplished without the approval of a provincial or federal department and the consequent grant.

It is important that all levels of government co-operate in making cities and towns functionally efficient, pleasant to live in, self-governed and financially able to keep pace with the requirements of modern community well-being and continuing urban growth.

Under the present financial structure where municipalities collect funds only on real estate or from the provincial or federal treasury, the field of responsibility falling to municipal councils will continue to be limited.

The future for municipal councils is not bright, the responsibilities of municipal councils are declining as each new provincial or federal hand out is conceived.

A fresh and constructive interest in the affairs of city hall is difficult if the things for which city hall is responsible are to be continually decreased.

The problem requires new financial arrangements that allow the collection of funds for local purposes on some other basis than real estate taxes. The answer is not in larger grants with more and more strings attached.

Others Papers Comment

A report has come out of Ottawa, says the Winnipeg Tribune, suggesting that U.S. officials there will advise their government in Washington to lift their quota controls on imports of Canadian oil. It is said that American officials in Ottawa have come to accept the Canadian Government's position that Canadian oil represents a vital source in terms of continental defense. It is not difficult to guess that the Middle East crisis has had its influence in the changed thinking.

It is still a source of annoyance to U.S. citizens residing on the Canadian side of the border, says the Windsor Star, that they are restricted in the use of their automobiles unless they import them in the regular way.

As a neighborly gesture and in our own best interests, border communities should do everything possible to accommodate Americans who take up residence in this country.



'Neath the Shade

G.A.D. About...

Processing Eliminates Squeals

When I was a youngster living in town, there were plenty of food processing practices carried on in every household. Many families had their own dairy. One cow was kept and in our immediate neighborhood there were perhaps a half dozen of all breeds owned by the families and properties had barns for stabling but there weren't any garages.

Town lots were a pretty fair size and a garden supplied all the green vegetables for the family all summer and until December. There weren't any imported vegetables from the south and no cold storage facilities for storage except the cellar and the winter. In the winter, a quarter of beef could be successfully kept without spoiling or a pig of half a carcass could be kept until eaten by the household. There wasn't any garbage collection.

We had a Jersey cow and each spring father bought a pig for a dollar or so and we brought it home. It was housed in the pen beside the barn and fed on the grass and milk and garden greens. By fall it was about 200 pounds and ready for slaughtering.

There were two or three pens in those days and a pig's existence that I detested. The first one came in June or July when it was necessary to put a ring in the pig's nose to keep it from rooting up the entire pen. Another one came when it got big enough to get out of the pen itself and had to be pulled back in by the hind leg or some other method. The third and final phase was when I was called upon to help kill the pig which usually took place on a Saturday after five o'clock.

On such occasions as I have mentioned the pig squealed at the top of its lungs. I never blame the critter a bit because it had every reason to give vent to its feelings but I hated that ear splitting shriek and most of the doors of the house were tightly closed to shut out the noise.

For 30 years and more pigs

have been squealing when they wanted food or were being hurt and at last they are going to be peacefully. Installation of carbon dioxide equipment to render hogs unconscious prior to slaughter has been completed and is now in use at the Toronto plant of Canada Packers Limited.

Known as the Hog Immobilizer, this is the first installation of carbon dioxide equipment for animal slaughter in Canada and one of the very few installed to date in North America.

W. F. McLean, president of Canada Packers, said that it was the company's intention to install similar equipment in all of the company's plants across Canada just as soon as management was satisfied that the Toronto installation was completely workable.

The Hog Immobilizer, which can operate at a capacity of 400 hogs an hour, or close to seven a minute was purchased in Denmark.

Hogs enter the Immobilizer's travelling conveyor one at a time from a narrow runway, are carried down into a carbon dioxide chamber and return to the exit side unconscious. From here they proceed for further processing. The entire operation, from the time a hog enters the Immobilizer until it is slaughtered, takes about 75 seconds. Since the approximately fifth of a pound of carbon dioxide inhaled by a hog is enough to render it completely unconscious for from six to seven minutes, the operation is considered to be the most humane method of practicable slaughter known to modern science.

The carbon dioxide, which arrives by tank truck, is pumped into a storage tank at the plant for use as required. Capacity of the storage tank is 15,000 pounds, sufficient at the rate of a fifth of a pound per hog for 75,000 animals. Gas concentrate in the gas chamber of the Immobilizer remains at a constant 34 to 35 per cent.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Philip A. Sawyer, L.Th.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1958
(11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Matins.
Due to renovations to the church, there will be no services in St. Alban's on Sunday, August 17 and Sunday, August 31.
First service after completion of work will be August 31 with 11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion.
Rev. Philip A. Sawyer, L.Th.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchill Road
P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Taylor, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 646-W
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1958
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassador.
Daily Vacation Bible School, August 18-28.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Parsonage—30 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader
78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1958
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1958
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Mr. Richard McTavish, Guelph, Ont.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1958
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Start Alterations To St. Alban's Church

A new floor, roof and alterations to the heating system at St. Alban's Anglican Church began on Monday of this week, by Drysdale and Guthrie Construction Company.

W. Denny, one of the church wardens, explained the church would be closed for services the next two weeks during the period of renovation.

It was pointed out before the floor was laid, it was necessary to pour new cement slabs and alter the heating system.

Hold Funeral Service For Mrs. A. McMullen

Many friends and relatives attended the service at the Rumlly Funeral home on Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Alice McMullen, 77 Bower Avenue, who died Thursday, August 7, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, after a brief illness.

A resident of Acton for over 26 years, the former Tamzon Isabel Rumlly, was born in Theford, Ont. and was married at Kemble in 1902. In former years, she was an active member of Acton Baptist Church. Her hobbies included flower gardening and needlework.

Besides her husband, Albert, she is survived by three brothers, Frank of Acton, Jason of Stukes Bay and Charles of Burke Falls. Also surviving are six daughters and three sons: (Grace) Mrs. Ray Agnew, Acton; (Doris) Mrs. Merwin Reid, Acton; (Vivian) Mrs. Mac McCullough, North Bay; (Wilma) Mrs. Steve Perry, Hamilton; (Laura) Mrs. Ivan Kirkness, Kitchener; and (Lola) Mrs. Jack Smith, London; Jack of Acton; and Wilbert and Albert, both of Toronto. There are 35 grandchildren.

Rev. Walter Shell of Shelburne Baptist Church conducted the funeral service and interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were Jack Holmes, Ed Logan, Nelson Stanley, Earl Jordan, Harry McCullough and Howard Stanley.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 18, 1938.

Folks from every part of Halton assembled in Oakville on Saturday for the seventh annual Blackstock picnic. The beauty contest was won by Miss Ruby Galloway, age 17, of Oakville.

Miss Dorothy Dunn and Madeline Taylor of Acton were among those who reached the finals. Miss Anna Holmes and Alice Taylor were other contestants from Acton.

At a meeting of Acton Library held on Monday evening, Mr. Neil Gibbons was the unanimous choice of the board for the position of secretary-treasurer, succeeding vacant by the removal of Mr. D. A. MacCrea to Uxbridge. The resignation of Miss Helen Lamb from the position of assistant librarian was regrettably accepted.

The Acton Women's Institute held a very enjoyable picnic on the lovely lawn of Mrs. O. W. Maclean on Thursday. Results of the race were: Joyce Green, boys eight to 18 years, Kerwin McMichael, Jack Haskerton, Earl Maclean.

A county of Halton delivery truck and an automobile were in collision at the junction of the Campbellville road and the sixth line, Nanawegawa on Monday. Both drivers received minor injuries. The truck and car were badly damaged. Stanley Wilson of Nanawegawa was the driver of the truck and the car was driven by Melvin Brown of Richmond.

That fine farm property belonging to Mr. A. G. Clarridge has been sold to Mr. W. G. Cole of Woodbridge. A few years ago the barn on the property was destroyed by fire and a new modern steel barn replaced it. A fine trout stream goes through the property.

Acton Intermediate ball team suffered a defeat at the hands of the Milton team last Saturday when the visitors won by a score of 17-2. The Acton team practically gave away the game as they performed a number of errors.

Milton hitters took advantage of the opportunity when they arrived on base and soon rounded the bases to complete a strong start. The game followed a stormy start by the Halton County baseball officials when Lamb, who had played several games for Acton, was found to be ineligible and was thrown out.

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